(b) if so, the details of such communities;

(c) whether it is also a fact that original tribe existing in Assam are objecting the inclusion of any more group into the ST list; and

(d) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) This Ministry has received requests/proposals from the Government of Assam as well as other sources for enlisting of certain communities, like Adivasi Tea Tribes (numbering 97 communities), Chutia, Matak, Moran, Tai Ahom, Koch Rajbongshi, Mikir (Karbi and Dimasa), Garo, Mikir (synonyms Anglong Karbi), Lalunga, Thangal Kachari, Sarania Kachari and Halam for other than autonomous Districts; and Bodo, Bodokachari, Sonowals, synonyms of Man (Tai speaking), Mizo and Mikir for autonomous Districts, etc., in the list of Scheduled Tribes in Assam.

(c) The Tribal Students Federation of Assam has represented against the inclusion of "Koch Rajbongshi" community in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Assam.

(d) The proposals received from the State Government have been processed as per modalities approved by the Government on 15.06.1999 for determining the claims for inclusion in/exclusion from and other modifications in the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Land for tribals

1318. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to help State Governments for purchase of land for tribals;

(b) whether our States have requested for funds to buy land for tribals;

(c) the names of States which want to implement this scheme;

(d) what is the response of Government to these schemes; and

(e) the help given for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (e) The Ministry does not have any specific proposal for providing funds to the State Governments for purchase of land for tribals. However, funds are

released to the eligible State Governments under the programmes, namely, Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP) and Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India, essentially for income generation programmes and creation of infrastructural facilities respectively for the tribals in the States. The State Governments are free to frame project proposals for providing land to the tribals from the funds released by the Ministry, for income generating activities or creation of infrastructure, as per the requirement of the States in accordance with the guidelines prescribed for the programmes. Some proposals have been received from the States of Kerala and Karnataka.

Under the scheme of Development of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs), any socio-economic developmental activity for PTGs can be undertaken including purchase of land. During 2006-07, proposals from the States of Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh for grants for purchase of land have been considered for 50 PTG families (@ one acre per family) and 178 PTG families (@ two acre per family) respectively.

Non-implementation of PESA Act, 1996

1319. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware regarding non-implementation of PESA Act, 1996 in the State of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government agree that the non-implementation had resulted into great loss of the State and Tribal population of Jharkhand; and

(d) the actions are proposed to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (d) The Provisions of Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas). Act, 1996 is applicable to Scheduled Areas of nine States including Jharkhand. The State has enacted requisite compliance Legislation by amending the State Panchayati Raj Act. Elections to the Panchayati Raj Institutions are pending as the matter relating to reservation of posts is *sub-judice*.

The Union of India has since filed an SLP in the Supreme Court of India (CC No. 12459/2005) seeking to quash the judgment of the Hon'ble